manager of this particular firm has applied to the proprietor to allow him some more amount to be paid to the family of the deceased?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Government have nothing to do with the proprietor.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly inquire and give information?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—If any representations are received, an enquiry will be made.

Tramway—sale of rails and fish plates.

104. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the amount for which 13,000 tons of rails and 20 tons of fish plates were sold;

(2) what is the percentage at which security is demanded for carrying out contracts, etc., in the State;

(3) whether the Government had any objection to sell the same as three lots as the materials are to be ready at three times?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— (1) The Tramway rails (1,300 tons approximate) and fishplates (20 tons approximate) were sold at Rs. 61—8—0 per ton.

(2) Security can be demanded up to 10 per cent.

(3) The rate of Rs. 61—8—0 per ton at which the whole lot was sold is in the opinion of Government a very satisfactory rate. It is very doubtful whether such a satisfactory rate could have been obtained if the material was sold in lots. As the entire material was sold without any rejections there would have been practical difficulties in dividing the entire quantity into lots. For all these reasons it was proposed to sell all the rails in one lot.

Group Panchayat Court—Thekkumbhagam, Nadamel, etc., Villages—Location of.

105. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) (i) when the Group Panchayat Court for Thekkumbhagam, Nadamel, Thiruvankulam, Vadavukode, Kanayannur

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and Kurikad was first started;

(ii) who were the judges of the first court;

(iii) did the absentees apply for leave;

(iv) if so, which of them and on how many occasions;

(b) (i) where was the court established at first;

(ii) what is the distance from the farthest ends of each of the above villages to the said court house;

(c) (i) has the court been shifted to any other site;

(ii) if so, to which site;

(iii) what is the distance to the new site from the farthest ends of the above villages;

(d) (i) was the shifting effected as per the request of any persons; if so, of which persons; will the Government be pleased to publish or place on the table such requests;

(ii) who were the judges of the court when the request was made and from which villages were they elected;

(e) was there any opposition to the shifting; if so, by whom; will the Government be pleased to place on the table all papers relating to the said opposition;

(f) did the judges during whose period the shifting was first mooted attend the court ever after, so long as it existed in the old site; if so, which of them and on how many occasions; how many applications for leave has each of these sent;

(g) (i) how many miles has each of the judges elected by the villages of Kanayannur, Tiruvankulam, Vadavukode and Kurikad to walk if the court is located in the new site;

(ii) are they paid any amount by way of travelling allowance or daily allowance;

(h) is the batta paid to witnesses that attend Panchayat Courts based on the distance that they have to travel;

(i) how are the parties (plaintiffs and defendants) distributed village-war in the existing contested suits in the said Group Panchayat Court?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) (i) 1st Vrischigam 1110.

(ii) Messrs. T. P. Poulose, B. A., President.
V. Raman Menon, B. A., Senior Judge.
N. K. Kurian Judge.
V. J. Paul do

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M. V. Varkey	do
P. P. Varkey	do
V. K. Kandan	do

(iii) Not always.

(iv) Mr. V. Raman Menon	2
,, V. J. Paul	1
,, M. V. Varkey	2

(b) (i) At Thiruvankulam near the road that branches off to Muvattupuzha.

(ii) From Thekkumbhagam	2	miles
,, Nadamel	6	,,
,, Vadavukode	8	,,
,, Kanayannur	5	,,
,, Kurikad	3	,,

(c) (i) Yes.

(ii) To Trippunittura very near the Hill Palace Police Station.

(iii) From Thekkumbhagam	2	miles.
,, Vadavukode	11	,,
,, Kanayannur	8	,,
,, Kurikad	6	,,
,, Tiruvankulam	5	,,

(d) (i) The shifting was effected as per the requests contained in mass petitions signed by the inhabitants of some of the villages within the court's jurisdiction and as per the representation from the court and the vakils, etc., who resort to the court. Petitions, etc., are placed on the Council table.

(ii) Mr. V. Raman Menon	Nadamel.
,, V. J. Paul	do
,, M. V. Varkey	do
,, N. K. Kurian	Vadavukode

(e) Yes; from the inhabitants of Thiruvankulam, Kurikad, Kanayannur, Vadavukode, etc., villages. The petition is placed on the Council table.

(f) Yes.

	No. of occasions attended.	*No. of applications for leave.*
Mr. V. Raman Menon	11	2
,, N. K. Kurian	14	Nil
,, V. J. Paul	9	1
,, M. V. Varkey	9	2

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(g) (i) Judge from Vadavukode 11 miles

do Kanayannur 7 ,,
do Tiruvankulam 4 ,,
do Kurikad 4¾ ,,

(ii) No.

(h) Yes.

(i)

	Plaintiffs	*Defendants.*
Nadamel	41	41
Tiruvankulam	15	15
Thekkumbhagam	9	13
Kurikad	1	1
Kanayannur	3	4
Vadavukode	Nil	Nil
Other villages	4	Nil

Central Farm—number of cattle—cost of maintenance, etc.

106. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of cattle in the Central Farm at present;

(b) the number of stud bulls among them;

(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the table the account showing the income and expenses derived by maintaining the cattle for the last three years;

(d) will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any correspondence between the Nemmara Panchayat and the Agricultural Department through the Panchayat Registrar early in the year 1110 regarding the supply of a stud bull for the public of Nemmara;

(e) was there any proposal by the Agricultural Department to supply a stud bull to any private individual at Nemmara if he was prepared to accept one in accordance with the departmental rules;

(f) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether there was any body prepard to keep a bull;

(g) if so, was he supplied with one;

(h) if not, why he was not supplied with one?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(a) 165.

(b) 9.

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